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7. Mausim Temple Marg (Bhubaneswar)	Indian Bank
8. Sailashree Vihar (Bhubaneswar)	Indian Bank
9. Charsuguda (Sambalpur)	Indian Overseas Bank
10. Bargarh (Bargarh)	Indian Overseas Bank
11. Dharamgarh (Kalahandi)	Indian Overseas Bank
12. Nayagarh (Nayagarh)	Indian Overseas Bank
13. Talcher (Angul)	Indian Overseas Bank
14. Baripada (Mayurbhanj)	Indian Overseas Bank

STATEMENT-II

Branches of Public Sector Banks Opened in Orissa During 1994-95 and 1995-96.

Name of Centre (District)	Name of Bank
1994-95	
1. Jajpur Road (Jajpur)	Indian Overseas Bank
2. Brajrajnagar (Jharsuguda)	State Bank of India
3. Bhubaneswar (Khurda)	UCO Bank
4. Sambalpur (Sambalpur)	Bank of Baroda
1995-96	
5. Bhubaneswar (Khurda)	Bank of India
6. Sahadevakhunta (Balasore)	Canara Bank
7. Keshalbahal (Sambalpur)	State Bank of India
8. Madhupatna (Cuttack)	Union Bank of India
9. Kharvelnagar (Khurda)	Indian Bank
10. Duburi Project (Jajpur)	State Bank of India
11. Puri (Puri)	Vijaya Bank

Industrial Growth Centre in Kerala

399. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any study on the possible affects of bifurcation on the objectives of the original Scheme for setting up of Industrial Growth Centre in Kerala particularly in Cannanore and Alleppey;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which work on the bifurcated units of the Growth Centre proposed to be commenced and scheduled to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). Under the Growth Centre Scheme, 1988 Kerala has been allotted two growth centres. Originally, one of them was selected to be developed at Shertallai in Alleppey district and the other one at Tellicherry in Cannanore district. However, in view of the difficulty expressed by the State Government in acquiring the required contiguous land of about 1000 acres for a growth centre at one place due to the peculiar problems like density of population and scarcity of land, Government of India in Feb. 1994 acceded to their request and accorded approval for relocating the two growth centres at five split locations as mentioned below :

Name of the Growth Centre	Locations	Project Cost
1. Alleppey-Pathanamthitta	(I) Alappuzha	Rs. 1602 lakhs
	(II) Pathanamthitta	Rs. 1883 lakhs
2. Kannur-Kozhikode-Malappuram	(I) Kannur	Rs. 1191 lakhs
	(II) Kozhikode	Rs. 1745 lakhs
	(III) Malappuram	Rs. 1491 lakhs

An amount of Rs. 266 lakhs and Rs. 884 lakhs has been released so far as Central assistance towards the growth centre at Alleppey-Pathanamthitta and Kannur-Kozhikode-Malappuram respectively.

(c) The growth centres are to be developed and established during the period of the VIII Five Year Plan.

Levy of Customs Duty

400. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Manipur have requested the Union Government to relieve Timber, Rice, Dal, Rajma and Spices of Myanmar origin from levy of customs duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government are aware that customs officials are levying heavy fines arbitrary on natural inflow of timber from Myanmar to Manipur; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure imposition of the fines in the spirit of the representation of the State Government on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d). No Sir, no such request has been received from the Government of Manipur.

As regards Timber, this item is not included in the Indo-Myanmar treaty. Hence, cases of its unauthorised import are to be adjudicated. It has been reported that, in such cases, goods have been released on payment of duty, fine and penalty as provided for in the law.

Restructuring of BIFR

401. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA :

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL :

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal to restructure Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction and to bring forward a bill on industrial sickness; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken to revive the sick industrial units?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Yes However, no final decision has been taken.

Smuggling of Gold

402. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have noticed a spurt in the gold and narcotic drugs smuggling during the recent months; and

(b) if so, the contraband seized during each month since January, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Reports available with the Government do not indicate that there is spurt in smuggling of narcotic drugs or gold. However, smuggling being a clandestine activity, the trends in smuggling cannot be stated with certainty.

(b) The quantity of Narcotics seized in the country each month since January, 1996 is as follows :

Drug	Quantity seized in Kgs.					
	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June (prov.)
Opium	37	630	153	228	13	3
Heroin	145	88	112	158	167	2
Ganja	2086	7287	4724	5159	91	-
Hashish	190	3622	731	17	19	-
Cocaine	-	-	-	0.097	0.135	-
Mandrax	-	4	0.750	-	-	-

The value of contraband including gold seized in the country (other than Narcotics) each month since January, 1996 is as follows :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Month	Value
January, 96	2414
February, 96	4524
March, 96	6910
April, 96	2441
May, 96	1960
June, 96	1704 (Prov.)

Winding up of Public Sector Projects

403. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided either to wind up or sell major public sector projects which have failed to take off;